

# ***DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD - DISTRICT V***

## **Minutes June 5, 2000**

The District V Advisory Board meeting was held at 7 p.m. in the *Meadowlark Room*, Sedgwick County Education Extension Center, Ridge and 21<sup>st</sup> Street.

### **Members Present**

David Almes  
Bob Bulman  
Sean Cash  
David Dennis  
Mo Ediger  
Fran Hoggatt  
Andy Johnson  
Vince Miller  
Texanita Randle  
Bob Sorenson

### **Members Absent**

Margarita LaFarelle Hunt  
Bob Martz, Council Member

### **City Staff**

Gene Rath  
Dana Brown

### **Guests**

(Listed on page 6.)

In Council Member Martz's absence, **Board Chair Pro-tem, Fran Hoggatt**, began the meeting at 7:08 p.m. welcoming the public to the meeting.

The minutes of the May 1, 2000 meeting were unanimously approved **Johnson (Bulman)**.

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### **Public Agenda**

#### **1. Presentation on Cheney Watershed Tour**

**Howard Miller, Public Relations Coordinator for Cheney Lake Watershed**, invited Board Members on a bus tour of the Cheney Watershed scheduled for Thursday, July 20. The tour will highlight ongoing agricultural projects that focus on eliminating non-point source pollution of the Cheney Watershed. Mr. Miller presented information about the history and current status of efforts to improve the water quality of Cheney Lake, a source for 70% of the drinking water for Wichita.

Several of the Board Members displayed interest in the tour and inquired if they could invite other citizens to also attend. Mr. Miller stated that any resident was welcome and that reservations should be made to him or the Watershed office by July 14th.

**Action:** Approximately five (5) members indicated they would plan to attend.

#### **2. Off-agenda items**

- A. A small group of residents in the area of Maple between 119<sup>th</sup> and Maize Streets expressed concerns about possible sales of illegal drugs in their neighborhood.

**Action:** Police Officers in attendance offered to visit with the residents about their concerns.

- B. **George Walta**, 10630 Carr, presented several issues of concern at his residence. The first issue is obtaining specific information about the cost of hook-up to City water and sewer. Mr. Walta had talked to the Water Department about the general cost but would like more detail, if possible.

Secondly, **Mr. Walta** stated that the drainage for storm water does not appear to flow correctly. He noted that he observed a change after the paving of Lark Lane. He suspects the culvert construction has affected the drainage flow, causing it to pool.

The third issue was construction debris in the drainageway to the west of Mr. Walta's property. Mr. Walta provided pictures showing orange barrels and other items in the waterway.

Mr. Walta's last issue was a request for information on options for paving the west half of Carr. The issue had been presented previously by Mr. Walta. Gene Rath, City Engineer, gave a history of why only the east half of the street is paved including obstacles that have prevented paving the remaining west half. The most recent attempt in February, 2000 was a request to "order in" the paving. **Jan Bryant, 2748 N. Northshore Court**, added that she was aware of the road in question and she was concerned for the safety of motorists who use this road.

**Action:** Staff will request information from City Departments and follow up with Mr. Walta

- C. **Jan Bryant, 2748 N. Northshore Court**, expressed concerns regarding a letter that homeowners in the area had received from Ritchie Sand, Inc. Ritchie Sand has requested the Metropolitan Area Planning Commission consider a *conditional use permit* to allow sand and gravel extraction at the southeast corner of 29<sup>th</sup> Street North and Hoover in Sedgwick County. After completion of the sand extraction, the future plan proposes the creation of a pond or water amenity at the center of the housing development. The Ritchie letter invited area residents to an information meeting at the Sedgwick County Extension Center on June 8.

Several issues were discussed: (1) The area of concern is currently sited in the County, but may impact City residents and could likely be annexed in the future; question regarding an opportunity for City Council to consider the request as well as the County Commission; (2) date of consideration by the MAPC has not yet been set; and, (3) development of the area would require stages to include extracting the sand and gravel, platting the area and developing a drainage plan, and construction and sale of the homes. Some of the questions by the homeowners receiving the letter could not be answered at this point.

**Action:** Residents of the area of concern were encouraged to attend the information meeting on June 8<sup>th</sup> to obtain the information available at this time.

### **Unfinished Business**

#### **3. Community Gardening**

Representatives of the Great Plains Earth Institute could not attend to present information.

**Action:** Item postponed.

### **New Business**

#### **4. Citizen Input on Budget Process**

**Pro-tem Hoggatt** reminded the Board Members that the City is requesting all District Advisory Boards to host a city-wide meeting at Century II on June 8 for the purpose of establishing priorities for the 2001-2002 Budget. Staff stated that all DAB Members and currently known Neighborhood Associations and Homeowners Associations have been sent an information flier. Citizens are also invited to attend. Staff also asked Members to take a calculator to the meeting.

**Action:** All Members in attendance indicated their intent to attend the Budget Process meeting.

### **Board Agenda**

#### **5. Community Police Report**

**Pro-tem Hoggatt** asked Sgt. Bobby Wiley and Community Police Officer Lacy to report on criminal activity in District V, involving Police Beats sixteen-nineteen (16-19). Officer Lacy asked the residents concerned about illegal drug activity to meet with him in the hallway at this time to discuss their concerns.

**Sgt. Bobby Wiley** noted the following:

- Recent burglaries to homes in the Forest Lakes area while residents were in their back yards, around 2800 Wild Rose
- Beats and Community Police Officers for District V
  - Beat 16 - S. of Central & W. of the Big Ditch - Officer Robert Lacy
  - Beat 17 – S. of Kellogg from Meridian to Tyler with mostly commercial area (Districts 4 & 5) – Officer S. Teague
  - Beat 18 – S. of Central & W. of Ridge - Officer Sandy Mackey
  - Beat 19 – N. of Central from the Big Ditch to the west city limits at 119<sup>th</sup> Street – Officer Robert Wood

- Statistics predominantly involve two-seven (2-7) non-residential burglaries; four-twelve (4-12) residential burglaries; and one-two (1-2) larcencies (typically auto break-ins)
- With school out for the summer, residents need to take greater precaution as the incidence of crime always increases during the summer

**Sgt. Wiley** explained that residents should contact the Community Police Officer first about neighborhood concerns and the Officer will make the appropriate referral, depending upon the issue. He also told about the Neighborhood Watch Program in which residents in neighborhoods are made aware of signs of criminal activity to observe and then work with police to share information. The Special Community Action Team (SCAT) is also involved in neighborhood crime.

**Pro-tem Hoggatt** thanked Sgt. Wiley for the information and asked that he keep us informed about any police issues, especially those that pertain to District V.

**Action:** Received and filed.

## **6. Update on Cowskin Basin Flood Mitigation Study**

**Pro-tem Hoggatt** provided information regarding the progress of the study, noting that the work is on-schedule as proposed by Black and Veatch. Hoggatt stated that the railroad bridge over the Cowskin at Maize is scheduled for removal in 2001. The bridge has been identified as a major factor in the outflow restriction during flooding.

**Action:** Received and filed.

(Council Member Martz arrived and continued the meeting as Chair.)

## **Traffic Agenda**

### **7. Request for Evaluation of Traffic Study Process**

**June Bailey, District Advisory Board IV**, presented a request for Members to serve on an Ad Hoc Task Force to review and make recommendations on the current City process for traffic studies. District Advisory Board IV is requesting volunteers for the Task Force from all DABs.

**Bailey** explained that the motivation to create a task force came through her experience in trying to obtain a traffic signal on West Central between West Street and the 235-Bypass. A need for a traffic signal was determined by area residents who experience difficulty attempting to turn left onto Central. **Bailey** stated that as she became aware of the City's process for traffic studies, she recognized a need for public review of the process including recommendations for improvement.

Board Members asked Bailey her opinion on several points and discussed their concerns related to the request:

- **Hoggatt** asked if the current construction converting Central to 5-lane wouldn't solve the access problem? **Bailey** felt that 5 lanes would only increase traffic speeds.
- **Bulman** asked about installing a temporary light (such as the one on Rock Road) to measure the effectiveness of reducing traffic? **Bailey** stated that even a temporary light would cost the City \$120,000.
- **Sorenson** asked why resistance was given to obtaining a traffic light? **Bailey** stated that the traffic study data on accidents in the area indicated that one additional accident would have warranted a traffic light. She stated that even though she could probably appeal to her Council Member to get the light, she was more concerned about the process of how justification is determined for a light.
- Concerns were expressed by **Maurice Ediger** about the impact of a traffic light on the schools, specifically increased risk for the children.

**Council Member Martz** thanked Ms. Bailey for coming but stated that he did not feel it was appropriate at this time to ask District Advisory Board Members to serve on the task force. He explained that he felt the review of such a policy should be initiated by City Council or Staff. In addition, he questioned if the work of the ad hoc task force might overlap with the newly formed City Manager's Access Management Task Force which will include DAB appointments as citizen representatives.

**Council Member Martz** further explained the Access Management Task Force and that the DAB V appointment would be made shortly. He also expressed that with the DABs taking on the responsibilities of the dissolved Traffic Board, he recognized the importance of educating the DAB Members in order to address traffic issues. This is the main reason that he requested the Access Management video to be presented by Planning Staff to the DAB on June 19<sup>th</sup>. **Council Member Martz** also pointed out that decisions for siting a traffic signal must consider how the signal could impede traffic and actually contribute to accidents. Any recommendations made by citizens for changes to the traffic study process must be guided by staff expertise such as the Law Department.

**Action:** No appointments were made.

## **Planning Agenda**

### **8. Request for paving Hoover Court, North of May**

**Gene Rath, City Engineer**, presented a request for an improvement district north of Cessna off Hoover Road on Hoover Court. The request is presented through petitions representing 77% of the proposed improvement area and 50% of resident owners. **Rath** explained that two (2) owners owned the area with one owner of three (3) lots and one owner of one (1) lot. The petitions were signed by the property owner of the three lots. The Special Assessment cost of approximately \$32,000 per lot is an estimate, not to exceed that amount.

**David Almes** noted that the notification letter was sent to a deceased person and inquired how the resident information is obtained. **Rath** explained that the City accesses the County Property Owner records for determining the owners of record to notify.

District Advisory Board Members stated that the case did not appear to be controversial and inquired why it was presented to the DAB. **Rath** explained that it has been the policy of Public Works Engineering to forward any cases with petitions signed by less than 100% of the residents affected to the designated citizen group for public input.

**Johnson (Bulman)** moved that the case be recommended for approval. Motion passed 10-0.

## **Other**

### **9. Homeowners and Neighborhood Associations**

Staff requested Members to provide and/or help collect contact information for HOA and NA in District V. Council Member Martz explained that a database was being developed to e-mail or fax information to the associations, utilizing several methods of communication to better reach more residents of the district.

**Action:** Received and filed.

### **10. Tire Amnesty**

Staff announced that Sedgwick County is planning a free waste tire pick-up on June 17 and June 19-23 to clean/prevent areas littered with tires. Fliers were handed out to distribute.

**Action:** Received and filed.

### **11. Additional DAB Meeting on June 19**

DAB V will meet with District Advisory Boards I and II at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, June 19, in the First Floor Board Room of City Hall. The Finance and Fire Departments will present the Fire Station Location Study, followed by the Access Management presentation by the Planning Department at approximately 8:00 p.m.

No meeting will be held on July 3<sup>rd</sup> due to the Fourth of July Holiday. The District Advisory Board will meet on July 17<sup>th</sup> as the optional meeting date.

**Action:** Received and filed.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dana Brown,  
Neighborhood Assistant, District V

Guests

George Walta	10630 Carr
Howard Miller	Cheney Lake Watershed Office
Jan Bryant	2748 N. North Shore Court
Rick Cook	6510 Warren Circle
Sharon Buck	2760 N. North Shore Court
Marie Layton	11518 W. Murdock
June Bailey	334 N. Baehr